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In re Patent Application of: David J. Steele, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the September 23, 2004 Office Action therein, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

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